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Minden couple remembered

by SUE TIFFIN
Editor

The community is mourning the loss of two caring Minden residents who died in a three-car collision last week.

On April 6, Victor Disik, 79, and Sonya Holliday-Rhodes, 77, were transported from the collision that occurred just before 5 p.m. on County Road 121, south of Gelert Road to a local area hospital where both were pronounced deceased. The driver of the other vehicle was transported to a trauma centre with serious injuries. The driver and passenger in a third car did not report any injuries to first responders.

Friends and family of the couple responded with great sorrow, when they learned that Victor and Sonya had died.

Victor was a realtor when he sold Sheila and Rick Mason the home they've lived in for more than 40 years.

"He knew what he was doing when he sold it to us," she said.

Mason remembers Vic being a gentle person, going out of his way to entertain her kids.

"My kids were just young then," she said. "We were sitting in the real estate office and they were getting bored, so he told them the story of *Green Eggs and Ham*. They thought it was just great."

Rick and Sheila became friends with Vic and Sonya, meeting them for trivia nights at the Dominion, or spending time with them both at Sonya's brother's bookstore down-

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Celebrating Minden's Skating Club

The Minden Skating Club hosted their first public event since the start of the pandemic last Friday evening, inviting guests to the 2022 Minden Skating Club Gala - the first held in the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena - on April 8. Skaters took to the ice for solos and group skates, and dressed in colourful costumes for the event, which was themed Colours: A Night of Accomplishments during COVID times. Above: Black and White featured Melanie Walter, Ava Allaire, Emily Fitzell, Abby Rosik, Cheyenne Lagace and Ruthie Parker. See Page 14 for more photos./SUE TIFFIN Staff

Rogers proposes 90m tower on MacBrien Road

by SUE TIFFIN
Editor

The following are brief reports of items discussed during an April 7 meeting of Algonquin Highlands.

Rogers Communications Inc. is proposing to construct a 90-metre telecommunications tower on the northern portion of the property at 1089 MacBrien Road in Algonquin Highlands. The tower's location will provide reliable communication services in the area for emergency responders, and also improve

wireless signal quality for residents, according to the company.

A virtual public meeting for discussion regarding the tower was held Feb. 23, and comments were accepted until March 2.

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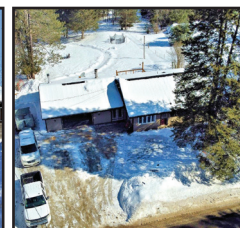
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‘Fairly significant increase’ in COVID-19 activity: health unit

by **SUE TIFFIN**
Editor

The following are brief reports from a Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge district health unit press conference with medical officer of health Dr. Natalie Bocking, held virtually on April 6.

“When we saw lifting of provincial measures lifted, many public health professionals and community members reminded everyone the pandemic wasn’t over and I think just in case we forgot that, COVID-19 virus is here to remind us,” Bocking said. “We are seeing quite a lot of COVID-19 activity across all of Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge region right now.”

Looking at main indicators being followed, Bocking said the number of new lab-confirmed cases of COVID-19 each day has doubled in the last two weeks, with approximately 25 to 30 new cases per day, compared to being down to about 15 cases per day previously.

“As access to PCR testing is limited, we know that this is just the tip of the iceberg of actual case activity,” Bocking said. “Likely many, many more people that are having a positive rapid antigen test at home or might be symptomatic and don’t have a test at home but are presumed to have COVID-19.”

She said test positivity has also increased over the past two weeks, being up to 12 or 13 per cent, after being at a low of eight per cent.

Wastewater surveillance data shows an increase in viral signal both in the Lindsay and Cobourg watershed, Cobourg demonstrating a “steep climb” in virus activity, being at the highest point since wastewater has been monitored and five times higher than the peak of the Omicron wave in January.

“Certainly our wastewater surveillance information mirroring that of what’s being seen across the province with an increase in activity and fairly significant increase in activity,” she said.

Bocking said early signs of increases in hospital admissions are being seen, and are expected to continue over the next few weeks across all three geographic areas based on the amount of virus activity being seen.

When asked about the Minden wastewater site, which has had data available in the past, Bocking said the health unit is “continuing to explore with the province” if it can be up and running again as an additional site.

Bocking said when wastewater testing was first available, the health unit region was limited to two sites and testing was being done in Minden in part due to the increased population during the summer. The hope is it will return, she said.

HKPR region enters sixth wave

Bocking said the health unit is seeing the surge equivalent of a wave.

“While we certainly all, I think, hoped that the fifth wave would be our last big wave, or at least we’d have a bit of a longer period of time to catch our breath, I think it is fair to say that we are entering another wave, or we have entered another wave,” Bocking said. “... The question now really is, how large will this wave be?”

Bocking said the increase in activity is being fuelled by the cumulative impact of provincial public health measures being lifted, including capacity limits and mandates regarding indoor masking, as well as the sub-variant of Omicron, BA.2, which is more transmissible and becoming dominant. She repeated that vaccinations, staying home while sick, masking, avoiding or limiting social gatherings and hand washing continue to be important to reduce spread of the virus and prevent severe illness. While Bocking said wearing a mask inside is no longer a rule, she said, she “strongly recommends” that individuals wear a well-fitting mask indoors when with those from outside the household as it’s a good tool to protect members of the community that are at higher risk of severe illness, and strongly encourages people reconsider their social gatherings indoors right now.

Bocking was asked by a reporter if, based on the increase in cases and surge of the sixth wave, she felt it had been premature for the province to lift public health measures at this time.

“I think it comes back to what the goal is, and the province made a decision that if our goal is to prevent severe strain on our acute care system, that there were other mechanisms in place to try to prevent this strain other than broader provincial public health restrictions,” she said. “I think there’s lots of different ways we can analyze this, but I think for me right now the most important thing is looking at what we can do moving forward to mitigate illness from this wave.”

Living alongside COVID-19

“I think we had in general moved toward trying to wrap our heads around what living with COVID looks like, or living alongside COVID, and recognizing that COVID-19 is not going away, that it is still here, it is still causing more vulnerable community members to develop severe illness, and also has the potential to still be a tremendous strain on our health-care system, and wanting to protect our healthcare system, not cancel surgeries, not cancel other care that is desperately needed,” Bocking said. “And so living alongside COVID, while it might not include provincial legislation that limits capacity limits, I think it behooves all of us that it includes being aware of when COVID activity is high, we’re taking those steps to protect ourselves and each other. And then as COVID-19 activity comes down, we share that, people are aware and we can back off of some of those measures. But I think this is really an important piece of the puzzle in terms of what living alongside COVID looks like, that it’s still here, we use the tools we know we have that work well, and we continue with them.”

Vaccinations encouraged, including second booster doses

Of the 29 deaths that have been confirmed across HKPR region since Jan. 1 of this year, almost 50 per cent were among individuals who were unvaccinated, said Bocking.

“We know that the vaccines do work very well in preventing severe illness and there’s very good data locally, provincially, nationally and globally to demonstrate this,” she said.

Currently 86 per cent of people aged 70 and older in the HKPR region have received a booster dose, but Bocking said among those aged 60 and over, there’s still almost 12,400 people across the region that could get their booster dose now, and a large population that hasn’t received any dose.

Second booster doses are available now for people aged 60 and over, or Indigenous people aged 18 and older. The recommended interval by the province is five months between first and second booster dose, but there must be a minimum interval of at least three months between doses.

That vaccine is available through pharmacies, primary care providers, and through health unit clinics. A clinic at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School will be held on April 30 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The clinic is available through the provincial booking system only, with no walk-ins.

The Anglican Parish
of Minden, Kinmount and Maple Lake
will offer the following services.

Thursday, April 14th 7:PM at St.Paul's, Minden

Monday, Thursday Service with Foot Washing and Holy Communion

Friday April 15th. 11.AM at St.Paul's, Minden.
Good Friday Service

Sunday, April 17th 9:00 A.M
St.Jame's, Kinmount ~ Easter Service
St. Peter's, Maple Lake ~ Easter Service

Sunday, April 16th, 10:30 A.M.
St. Paul's, Minden ~ Easter Service.

Sonya and Vic remembered for kindness, empathy

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town. If they asked Rick to fix something at their home, like their fireplace, they'd all end up sitting together for hours talking.

"They were really good people," said Mason. "If they had it, they would give you the shirt off their back."

Vic was later a longtime bus driver, and then worked for years as an attendant at Ingoldsby, Iron Mine and Maple Lake landfills.

"He was a great man," said Michelle Watson, who co-owns Watson General Contracting with her husband and was close friends with the couple. "The public loved him at each and every one of those sites."

She laughed about the bickering Vic and Sonya would engage in, noting what many friends did: they were deeply in love and also loved to argue over trivial things.

John Hicks, Vic's friend of more than 40 years, said he was, "very much a sportsman. He loved to go fishing, and just being on the water."

"That was our thing," said Hicks. "If we could get out, we would. If not, we'd just sit and talk on the phone about the last time we went."

Hicks said Vic was a "very reserved man, a very patient gentleman, with a very kindly heart. Certainly, he was there – if there was any way he could help you, he'd be there with bells on, and just a good all-around friend, really."

He said they chatted together frequently, every other day on the phone.

"They were the kind of people who were always around, you'd see Vic or you'd see Sonya, over the years with Paul's store, she spent many a day in town at Paul's store, they become part of the public face," he said. "And you do expect to see them there."

Julie Gray met Sonya through the medical centre Sonya helped run alongside her former husband, Dr. Anthony Holliday-Rhodes, and then had a close relationship with her after Sonya supported her as a PSW for several months after Gray's car accident more than 20 years ago.

"I got to know her and I just thought, this woman is very unique, she's very loving and caring," said Gray. "It's not just that she did

a good job of caring, but she did a good job of loving."

Sonya was caregiver to her parents, caring for each of them full-time as well as a devoted older sister to her younger brother, and lived through the grief of their loss, as well as the tragic loss of her son, Christopher, and grandson, Dan.

"She was always looking after all of her friends, always worried about other people and caring for them and doing things for them, even though she herself needed care," said Gray.

Sonya cared for nature, and was quite intelligent, having a knack for research and an interest in the human body.

"She was the most genuine person I know," said Gray. "She had an ability to connect on that level, where you knew she was going to respect everything you said, and she was respectful of everybody. She was always contributing, whether it was to her family, causes, to other people, her friends."

Vic, she said, was "very, very gentle."

"He adored Sonya," said Gray. "He did everything as she asked, and she depended on him. She couldn't have lived without him."

Gray laughs remembering that Sonya would call Vic to have him run an errand for her if she thought it might help Gray in her recovery.

"He would do anything to help," she said. "He was caring as well. He wouldn't even think twice because he knew she needed it, and I needed it, so he went and got it. He knew she was doing good things, he loved that and respected that, and he would accommodate that in any way he could."

Don Kerr of Minden Cat Angels, said Sonya and Vic were feeding Minden's stray cats before Minden Cat Angels was even formed.

"Likely before 2011 Sonya and Vic were going downtown on cold winter nights to feed stray cats," wrote Kerr. "After MCA was formed and we had our shelter, Vic helped me to trap many of our cats, and a number of our original meetings were hosted by Sonya and Vic."

Monika Melichar at Woodlands Wildlife Sanctuary, said she first met Sonya when she needed help with an ill fox in her yard.

"Instantly, I knew she was a kindred spir-



Victor Disik and Sonya Holliday-Rhodes, seen here in a photo from a past Christmas, are being remembered by family and friends for their kindness, compassion and generosity. The couple died last week in a car collision near Kinmount. /Photo submitted

it," said Melichar. "Sonya was well-spoken and rather witty, but it was her love and compassion for all animals that cemented our friendship. She cared deeply for their well-being and would go the distance to alleviate any suffering and make them well again."

Beyond animals, Sonya was an environmental activist as well, organizing the Park Royal Anti-Pollution Committee in the '70s to put pressure on the province's environment ministry to halt burnings of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs). In part as a result of her efforts, Tricil Ltd., a waste disposal plant, closed its incinerator. Her work led to a meeting with Pierre Trudeau.

"She made you believe in great things, whatever they were," said her daughter, Julia Moore, who said her mom led her life with

her heart, and called Vic one of the "kindest men on the planet."

"I'm just trying to hold on to all of the great things I learned about relationships, fighting for what you believe in, picking your battles," said Moore. "Now we're missing her here, but we have all these gifts left behind."

A joint service for Vic and Sonya will be held next week and all are welcome.

"She would want everyone to be at peace, and know that they're OK," said Watson.

A service will be held at Gordon A. Monk funeral home on April 23, with visitation at 11 a.m. and a service at noon followed by interment at Minden cemetery.

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(VIRTUAL) COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council and Closed Session meetings are currently being conducted virtually via web conference meetings, until further notice. Meetings begin at 9:00 AM unless otherwise noted. The schedule of upcoming meetings are:

April 14 – Regular Council Meeting
April 20 – Special Council Meeting
April 28 – Regular Council Meeting

Members of the Public are invited to observe Council proceedings by joining a live-stream link available on the township website at www.mindenhills.ca/council/ or by using the direct link provided in the notice. Meeting agendas are not displayed during the meeting, please download by visiting our website at www.mindenhills.ca/council/. Please note the live-stream link provided for each meeting will only be activated while Council is in session.

NOTICE – 2022 BUDGET DELIBERATIONS

The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills will commence the 4th Round of the 2022 Budget deliberations during its Special Meeting of Council via web conference scheduled for Wednesday, April 20, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

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NOTICE: ADOPTION OF 2022 WATER AND SEWER RATE BY-LAWS

TAKE NOTICE that Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills during its Regular Council Meeting held on Thursday, April 14, 2022 at 9:00 AM via web conference will consider Finance Report 22-004 regarding the following:

- 2022 Water and Wastewater Operating and Capital Budget;
- By-law 22-31 Minden Sewer Rates;
- By-law 22-32 Minden Water Rates; and
- By-law 22-33 Lutterworth Water Rates

Dated this 7th day of April, 2022.

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Councillors say tower is needed in area

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Algonquin Highlands has had a telecommunication facility installation policy in place since 2013, and township planner Sean O'Callaghan said that protocol was being followed. He said four letters of support had been received, and comments were in approval of the tower.

"If you're on the far side of Maple Lake you're going to be looking across the lake at a tower, but I know that it's much needed," said Mayor Carol Moffatt, who noted she'd had discussions with residents who were "begging and pleading for some sort of solution," to their lagging service.

Deputy Mayor Liz Danielsen said she'd had similar conversations with residents and said "hopefully this is going to resolve it for them."

In-person meeting takes place

Councillors met in council chambers together for the first time since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, the first local council to do so. Previously, meetings had occurred in an online setting, with councillors and staff individually calling in to the meeting from their homes and offices. While councillors, the CAO and clerk met in council chambers, staff and public continue to access the meeting via Zoom and YouTube. Councillors opted to be unmasked during the meeting.

"Welcome back, it's nice to see your faces in person," said Moffatt.

Mulching head purchase approved

A request for a new mulching head that will cause less damage to roadside vegetation from the Public Works Department was approved, at a cost of \$30,000 plus tax, from a single supplier as only one dealer in Ontario offers the equipment.

"This mulcher would shear the limbs and not tear them resulting in a cleaner cut," said Adam Thorn, public works supervisor, in his report to council.

"All members of council have, I think at some time, received some pretty high anxiety calls, the current head that we use really does a lot of damage and it's really unsightly," said Moffatt, noting also potential safety concerns from the current equipment. "This should be a kinder, gentler, mulching head, if there can be such a thing, when you're undertaking this work."

Lower Fletcher (Skin) Lake contract signed

A lone bid for the Lower Fletcher (Skin) Lake landing consulting and project management services RFP, has been reduced to \$51,000 from \$68,000 after the call for proposals was cancelled and negotiations took place.

"Provisional items that are in addition to the required project scope will be charged on a time and materials basis only if they are warranted to a maximum upset limit of \$17,000," said Chris Card, parks, recreation and trails manager.

The entire project budget including construction is \$100,520.

Lake name signage discussed

Card said a survey sent to property owners on the lake had 19 of the 34 registered properties respond by mail or through the Let's Connect Algonquin Highlands platform online, and that the feedback received would be helpful in informing the discussions he has with the consultant at the initial site meeting.

"It seems like a lot of great input and just general, people being thankful about this process," said Card.

Through the survey, some respondents noted "discrepancies and disagreements on the official name of the lake," as Skin Lake is on signage while Lower Fletcher Lake is on maps.

Mayor Carol Moffatt said there are some lakes with two names and as has been discovered through a lake layer on the township's heritage mapping site, many that have numerous iterations.

"I wouldn't want us to have to get into acknowledging all of the names, which would be in keeping with our commitment to Truth and Reconciliation, but I think we need to be careful not to cross those waters because lake acknowledgements for historic names are in the heritage mapping, so we've done that work there," she said.

"It's a bit of a tricky one because I've heard property owners on the lake refer to both as adamantly passionate as their neighbour refers to the other," said Councillor Jennifer Dailloux.

Deputy Mayor Liz Danielsen said she'd like to stick with what is on the official plan, which refers to the lake as Lower Fletcher.

Councillor Julia Shortreed said it's confusing to have road signs that say Skin Lake and a landing that says Lower Fletcher. Councillor Lisa Barry said she supported keeping the name in brackets.

"It sounds a bit of a silly discussion, just call it something, but it's really important to people, their identities are linked to what they call their lake so if we have to make a decision without going down a slippery slope of never ending signage changes, it might be better just to stick with the official plan," said Moffatt.

Card said of all the questions on the survey, this is the topic that had people take time to phone and chat with him.

"I had two conversations, each of which was very passionate, on one side or the other, one resident expressing they strongly feel the Skin Lake name should be held on to and that the Lower Fletcher Lake name be completely eliminated, and I had another impassioned conversation for the exact opposite," he said. "Regardless of which decision, I think some people are going to feel they weren't heard and some people will feel they were."

He said it is confusing for staff to first learn of lakes with various names, and that it is possible first responders might be confused. He said listing both, one in brackets, might be important for that reason.

Moffatt said using the name in the official plan on signage with other current known names in brackets, while recognizing and commemorating each name of a lake at the site in the future would touch on what council wanted to do to respect heritage, and also best serve emergency response.

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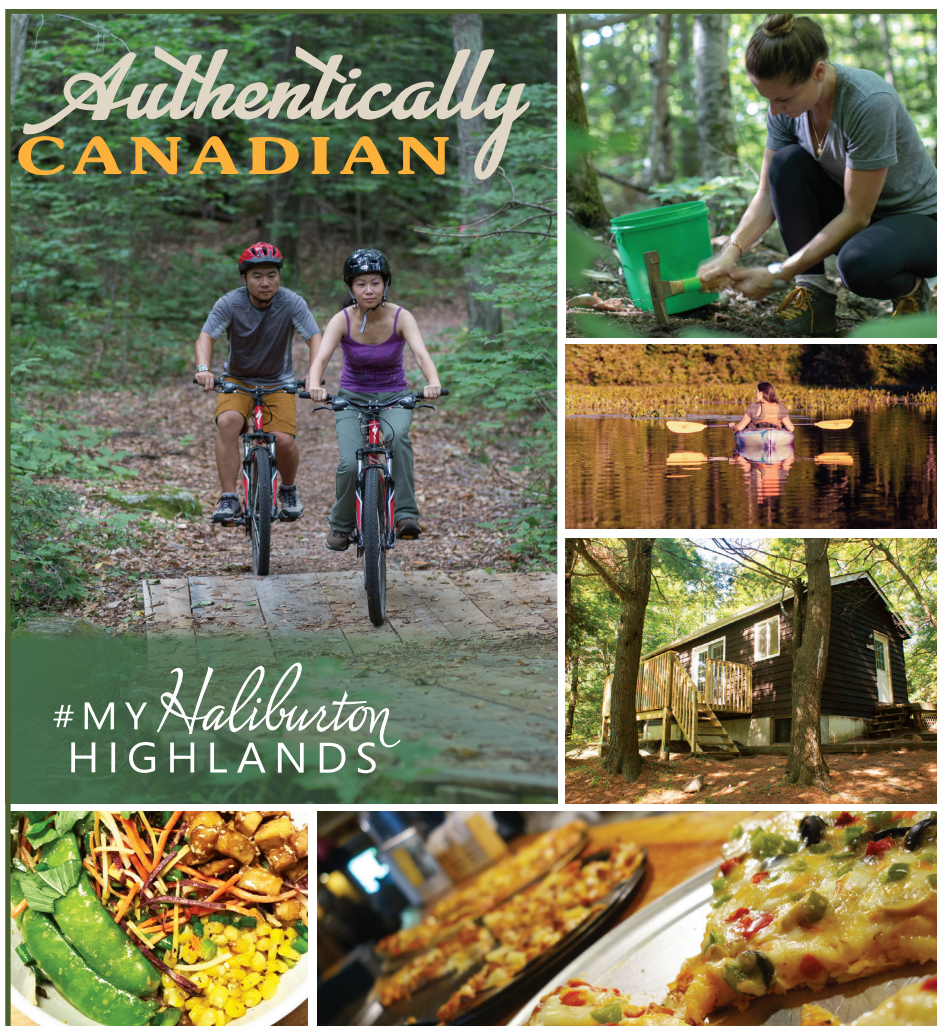
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Water levels normal for now, but climate change may make for an unpredictable summer

by **STEPHEN PETRICK**
Special to the Times

The Gull River has given Minden residents some harsh springs – think 2013 and 2017 when the river swelled up and engulfed roads and homes – but this isn't expected to be one of them.

"There's no reason to believe there's any immediate risk of flooding," said Ted Spence, Chair of the Coalition of Equitable Water Flow, a volunteer organization that watches water levels along the Trent River Watershed, which includes Gull River.

However, that news should be taken with caution, especially for people whose livelihood is dependent on decent weather. Although Spence says that water levels along the watershed are "normal" for this time of year, climate change is leading to more extreme weather events – and an uneventful spring doesn't necessarily mean an uneventful summer.

"In the short term, we know we're seeing much more variability in weather patterns, and extreme events," said Spence, who was previously an environmental studies professor at York University.

As an example, he pointed to last summer. Water levels along the watershed were low

for most of June, but late in the month, there were several major rainy days and by the end of the month the amount of recorded rain in the area in June was up more than 150 per cent compared to normal. He said the rainfall in July was about double the normal level and in September it was almost double.

"Those are real examples of the short-term impacts (of climate change). Instead of getting a little rain every week, it's more likely we get periods of dry and then, *whoomph*."

Despite this warning, nothing extreme appears to be happening so far this spring. Spence said the 55 reservoir lakes that make up the Trent River watershed appeared to be at normal levels last week and dam operators are monitoring the levels. Dams are typically filled to 85 per cent of their volume in the early spring, so to allow room for rain water.

Spence said in the coming days, the last of the ice in the waterway is expected to melt and most of the snow on land is already gone. The runoff of snow into the river hasn't overwhelmed the watershed this year, because there have been enough plus-zero days this spring to allow for some snow to disappear through sublimation, too, Spence said.

"If there's any issue, it's that we're going to be depending on spring rain to fill reservoirs."

COVID-19 Lab Confirmed Cases, Hospitalizations, and Deaths by Municipality, Since 01 January 2022

County	Municipality	Active cases (current)	Total 2022 cases	Rate	Non-outbreak cases (cumulative)	Outbreak cases (cumulative)	Hospitalizations (cumulative)	Deaths (cumulative)
Haliburton	Algonquin Highlands	3	21	829.71	21	0	1	0
Haliburton	Dysart et al	4	99	1451.61	85	14	4	0
Haliburton	Highlands East	2	31	881.43	28	3	0	0
Haliburton	Minden Hills	6	80	1209.01	68	12	1	0
Kawartha Lakes	Kawartha Lakes	127	2146	2637.40	1,381	765	47	18
Northumberland	Alnwick/Haldimand	2	182	2313.76	163	19	4	2
Northumberland	Brighton	12	243	1920.19	222	21	10	2
Northumberland	Cobourg	19	442	2168.15	299	143	9	1
Northumberland	Cramahe	7	135	2090.75	120	15	7	1
Northumberland	Hamilton Township	11	182	1485.84	164	18	4	0
Northumberland	Port Hope	15	288	1654.70	202	86	5	1
Northumberland	Trent Hills	21	428	3204.31	235	193	10	4
Total HKPRDHU	All Municipalities	229	4277	2236.60	2,988	1,289	102	29

COVID-19 case count and wastewater data update

Seven new cases of COVID-19 have been confirmed in Haliburton County, while 81 new cases were identified in City of Kawartha Lakes and 36 in Northumberland County, according to an April 11 update on the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District health unit website. The health unit reminds the public that because access to publicly-funded PCR testing is limited, the number of lab-confirmed cases of COVID-19 is an underestimate of the true spread in the community. /Screenshot from HKPRD dashboard

Seven-Day Average COVID-19 Wastewater Viral Signal, by Sampling Sewershed Location, Since 01 January 2022



Info from the Ontario Wastewater Surveillance Initiative Data and Visualization Hub shows the seven-day average COVID-19 wastewater viral signal, by sampling sewershed locations in Cobourg and Lindsay, since Jan. 1 of this year. The wastewater program analyses virus shedding among residents to estimate the burden of COVID-19 in the community, and serves as a secondary indicator for retrospective and current COVID-19 prevalence in the community. /Screenshot from www.hkpr.on.ca



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A community loss

LAST WEEK, AFTER hearing of the collision that occurred near Kinmount, my heart – like the heart of so many others in our community – sank. When I received the press release from the Haliburton Highlands OPP that identified the two people who had died in that collision, I shared the news as is my job, and then cried for the rest of the morning, with sadness at that news. The community responded in the same way, with great sorrow at the tragic loss of Victor Disik and Sonya Holliday-Rhodes.

It is always heart-wrenching when we lose anyone in our community, it's why so many of us make note to check the obituaries, or comment on posts of grief shared by friends and family. We're all so connected in a small town, in so many ways, so we feel these losses together.

There's a good chance that even if you weren't so lucky to have known Sonya and Vic, you knew their faces. While you might not have had the good fortune to have them help you in a time of need, you absolutely know people in the community they have helped.

With short notice at a time heavy with grief and shock, more than a dozen people spoke to me about Sonya and Victor, and though they each shared different experiences from throughout different times with either individual or the two as a pair, the resounding message was the same: Sonya and Vic cared deeply for others, whether they be strangers, family or friends. They

opened their door when people needed a place to sleep, they ran errands or offered transportation for those in need, they gave even at times they didn't have a lot to give, and in helping individuals who needed a connection or some guidance or someone to ask how they were doing, they made an immense contribution to the community.

Besides being caring and giving toward people, they were both named for their love of animals. It was their concern for stray cats in Minden that led to the forming of the Minden Cat Angels.



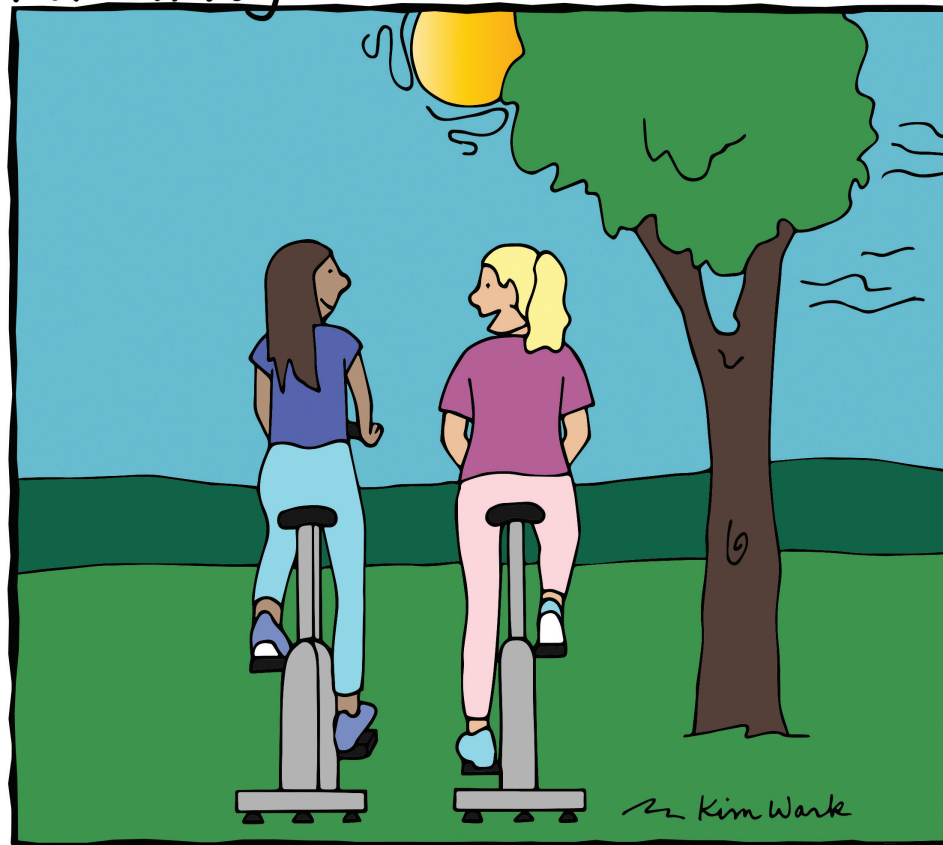
SUE TIFFIN
Editor

"She believed in us, and what we can accomplish at the sanctuary, supporting and promoting us whenever and however she could," said Monika Melichar, of Sonya's connection to Woodlands Wildlife Sanctuary.

That sums up how Vic and Sonya felt about the people in this community, as well – they were supportive, they promoted others, and they believed in the people and this place.

While not every lovely thought from their friends and family could be shared in a story about them in this paper, not everyone who might have wanted to share could be reached, the overwhelming message from those who did was that they were kind, caring, authentic, and dedicated their time to helping others. In remembering them and embracing this community at this time, please find small ways to help others whenever you can.

Kwarky



"This virtual workout feels so real."

You can never look back

ONE OF THE biggest conundrums for any turkey hunter is deciding whether or not to turn to have a look when a twig snaps behind you.

In a perfect world, you should sit still, remain silent, and not twitch a muscle. You should then wait until whatever is snapping the twigs comes around into your line of sight. Then, if it is a legal turkey, you can decide whether or not to shoot. And, if it is a bear, you can make the decision as to whether you need to soil your pants retroactively.

Of course, encountering bears during a turkey hunt is a rarity for most of us.

In the many years I have turkey hunted, I have had only one experience in which a bear was within a few yards of me.

But it was quite an experience.

That bear was big and seemed even bigger since I was sitting on the ground. Eventually, it walked between my decoys and me while I sat still with my back against a tree. Luckily, that encounter happened shortly after first light, so my gun was uncased. Because of this, I was not fearful or nervous. There's something about having a loaded 12-gauge shotgun in your hands that alleviates those sentiments. So, I just watched it move on and enjoyed the show.

Later that morning, however, when I began hearing twigs snap behind me, I did get a little nervous – and I have been nervous whenever twigs snap behind me ever since.

This is probably ridiculous. As I said, it's rare to have close encounters with a bear when turkey hunting and nothing most of us should worry about. I mean, there are so many other things that could cause a twig to snap, right? And, as a rule, a bear wants

nothing to do with a human.

Nevertheless, every time a twig snaps behind me, the following occurs.

My mind says, "Don't move. Stay still. That could be a turkey trying to sneak in from behind you."

Then the little voice in my head whispers, "On the other hand, it could be a big predatory bear..."

My mind typically responds with "It's probably a turkey. For the love of God, don't move."

And the little voice says, "Sure, it's probably a turkey ... though it seems pretty loud for a turkey. Is your will up to date?"

Then my mind answers, "If it's not a turkey, it's probably a deer, grouse, moose, racoon squirrel, porcupine, fox, coyote, or hare. Heck, remember that opening day when a pair of wood ducks walked past you?"

Then the little voice says (this time a little bit louder), "Or it could be a bear ... A big hungry bear. They're ravenous

after hibernation. Maybe you should turn your head slowly and have a look. It could be your last."

That conversation continues until the twig snapping ceases. And I will not yet have moved.

That's when my brain notes, "Whatever it is has gone away."

Then the little voice says, "Or maybe it's just ready to pounce. Hey, I know you don't believe in all the cougar stories, but what if there's something to them?"

I will then turn quickly to see a red squirrel, who proceeds to give me crap.

And feeling kind of stupid, I snicker.

Then, I'll turn back to face my decoys just in time to see a big gobbler U-turn quickly and sprint over the rise.



STEVE GALEA
Beyond 35

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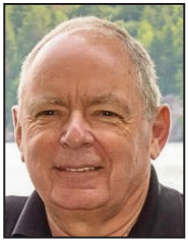
A criminal above the law

IT HAS BEEN more than 150 years since Fyodor Dostoyevsky wrote *Crime and Punishment*, but the main character of his famous novel could well have been today's Russian president, Vladimir Putin.

Dostoyevsky's Rodion Raskolnikov is a character who considers himself Superman, a superior person above the laws governing the rest of humanity. In the novel, his friend Razumikhin describes him as "sullen, gloomy, arrogant, proud; recently (and maybe much earlier) insecure and hypochondriac."

Does that sound like someone who is in the news every day recently?

Sad Vlad Putin has spent years building his image as Superman, and is a domineering introvert lacking any sense of empathy. He is so much more superior to the rest of us that he doesn't have to follow the same laws. A word from him and war begins, or all free speech is suspended.



JIM POLING SR.

From Shaman's Rock

Dostoyevsky's Raskolnikov kills an unscrupulous pawnbroker, justifying the crime as removing a louse from society. Putin is killing thousands of Ukrainians, justifying his crimes as removing neo-Nazi louses.

His 'special military operation' in Ukraine is not a war against another nation. It is a war against civilians; a deliberate slaughter of citizens, including women and children, who he treats as louses to be stomped. His plan appears to be to destroy Ukraine

and scatter millions of Ukrainians throughout Europe, where the strains of so many refugees will create political upheavals.

Dostoyevsky's Raskolnikov turns out not to be a Superman, just a mediocre human driven half mad by the guilt over the pawnbroker's murder. He pushes away people trying to help him and finds himself more and more isolated.

Putin's murders in Ukraine have left him isolated, throughout the world and to some extent at home. Thousands of Russian anti-war protesters have been detained by police since the invasion of Ukraine began Feb. 24.

Guilt and emotional upset eventually force Raskolnikov to confess to the pawnbroker's murder. He is sentenced to eight years in a Siberian prison but later experiences a mental and spiritual rebirth with the help of a prostitute.

Surely Putin is experiencing some guilt and mental distress over his murderous campaign in Ukraine. How could any human not cringe at the murders of innocent people walking the streets, riding their bicycles, or waiting at train stations while trying to flee the country.

Perhaps someone who is physically and mentally ill?

Many close observers suspect that Putin is suffering from thyroid cancer, or possibly Parkinson's Disease or a stroke. They say his unusual gait and finger movements are signs that something is wrong.

British media outlets have reported that Putin has been visited 35 times by a thyroid cancer specialist flown to his Black Sea retreat. They also have reported that he has been treated with steroids, and has been taking baths in deer antler blood.

Steroids are a common drug treatment for thyroid cancer and can cause anxiety and hallucinations. They also are known to cause bloating and facial puffiness, which some media reports have noticed in Putin.

The question now is how long before Putin's transformation into Raskolnikov becomes complete. How long before Putin's crime chapters end and the punishment chapters begin?

Evidence of Russian war crimes in Ukraine is being collected, and appears to be plentiful. Putin subordinates, and perhaps the man himself, might be charged as war criminals to be prosecuted before the International Criminal Court.

Putin probably never will be put on trial, and certainly never will see the inside of a prison cell. Things like that do not happen to the rich and powerful in today's world.

And certainly, the mental and spiritual rebirth experienced by Raskolnikov in *Crime and Punishment* never will be experienced by Putin, the thin-skinned KBG thug who lacks substance and soul.

His punishment will come when his health problem, or the outrage of his own people, can no longer be contained.

Cancer can be contained, but not so the anguish of thousands of moms and dads whose soldier sons and daughters never returned from Ukraine. Nor can the disgust the world feels for Russia, which already had a reputation as a dark and ugly place.



Raven vs. hawk

"These were taken a week ago on Hwy 35 in Minden. The red-tailed hawk was on a light post and two ravens were close by watching the hawk, so I was able to watch them interact and watch the ravens chase the hawk. This is the first hawk I've photographed, so it was an exciting experience. I was actually looking for barred owls and ducks but found a hawk instead!" /Photo by June Krisko

Celebrating Earth Day and Earth Week

To the Editor,

Haliburton Highlands – the country of Canada – indeed the entire planet – is home to countless amazing natural environments and areas. Unfortunately, some natural wonders are threatened by environmental negligence including climate change.

While every day should be an earth day, having one dedicated day of the year reminds people they are part of the environment and need to celebrate, honour and respect this connection. "Earth Day," held annually on April 22, is an opportunity to learn about, and act on, ways to help restore our earth.

The first Earth Day was held in 1970 in the USA. In 1990, Earth Day went global with over 141 countries recognizing the day. April 22, 2022 is the 52nd anniversary of Earth Day. The broader "Earth Week" takes place April 18 to 23, 2022.

In celebration of Earth Day and Earth Week, the

Township of Algonquin Highlands, Municipality of Dysart et al, Municipality of Highlands East, Township of Minden Hills, County of Haliburton, and Haliburton County Public Library are partnering to share ways everyone can help conserve and protect forests, energy, biodiversity, resources, and water.

Each day of Earth Week, the partners will use their social media channels to highlight environmental conservation tips, supported by complementary book recommendations that help deepen the understanding and impact of our actions. Look for displays at Haliburton County Public Library branches for relevant books, resources, and information.

Be sure to follow your local municipal, county, and library social media channels for daily tips and hints on how you can help restore our earth!

John Watson
Project Lead

HCPL's DVD of the Month - April



Meilin "Mei" Lee is a confident, dorky Chinese-Canadian girl growing up in Toronto. She loves everything that most 13-year-old girls love. Hanging out with friends, the boyband 4*Town, avoiding the school bully, and (secretly) the clerk at the local convenience store. She also loves her mother, and her traditional Chinese culture, though sometimes the latter drives her crazy. It's a struggle trying to please everyone at once.

One night, after a terrifying nightmare, Mei wakes up to find she's "poofed" into a giant red panda! What's worse, she quickly learns that this happens whenever she gets overly emotional! As if changes to her interests, relationships, and body weren't enough... Now she learns this "panda poof" is an ancestral right of passage for the women in her family.

Can Meilin learn to balance her lineage, build her social life, and control the panda within? Check out this delightful family film from HCLP today, and find out!

Bird flu outbreak heading north

by **STEVE GALEA**
Times Staff

Wild birds are playing a key role in the spread of a highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) outbreak in Ontario this spring.

HPAI, more commonly known as bird flu, was detected in March near Waterloo in a wild red-tailed hawk that appeared ill. At press time, the virus has also been detected in 10 other locations, the closest to Haliburton County being Selwyn township. There, the virus was detected in a backyard flock of chickens, according to the Canadian Food Inspection Agency.

The Canadian Wildlife Service (CWS) cautions that this HPAI outbreak is “rapidly evolving” and says it expects more detected cases over the following weeks as migratory birds return to their northern haunts. HPAI is highly transmissible and poses the greatest threat to domestic poultry, where it can cause high rates of disease and mortality.

Infected birds may show lack of energy, movement or appetite, decreased egg production, swelling around the head, neck and eyes, coughing, gasping for air or sneezing, nervous signs, tremors or lack of coordination, diarrhea or sudden death.

The CWS recommends that members of the public should not handle live wild birds or those found dead. If contact with wild birds is unavoidable, the CWS advises to wear gloves or use a doubled plastic bag and to avoid contact with blood, body fluids and feces. This should be followed by a thorough hand washing with soap and warm water.

There have been no known cases of avian

influenza being transferred from wild birds to humans. Most human cases of avian influenza worldwide have resulted from close contact with infected poultry or their contaminated environments.

The CWS says HPAI viruses have infected more than 100 species of wild birds worldwide, but infections are most common among water birds such as ducks, geese, swans, gulls, and shorebirds, which are considered the natural reservoir for avian influenza viruses. Most wild birds infected with HPAI remain asymptomatic, but mortality events involving wild birds have resulted from this strain. There is evidence that raptors and some scavenger species are susceptible to mortality from the virus.

The CWS asks those who observe sick or dead birds and suspect that disease may be involved, contact the Canadian Wildlife Health Cooperative at 866-673-4781 or report online at cwhc.wildlifesubmissions.org

Regarding bird feeding, the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change is advising people not to handle or feed any wild bird by hand.

They also acknowledge that feeding encourages wild birds to congregate around food sources and can increase the probability of transmission among wild birds, both within and among species. Having said that they still say the use of bird feeders is safe but advise to remove feeders from areas that are open to poultry and other domestic animals. They also advise those who care for poultry to prevent contact between wild birds and poultry by removing exterior/outdoor sources of food, water and shelter that attract

wild birds.

Also, they advise to use a weak solution of domestic bleach (10 per cent sodium hypo-

chlorite) to clean bird feeders. Ensure they are well rinsed and dried before re-use.



Reflections

If the weather co-operates this upcoming long weekend, visitors might take in local parks and forest reserves like Snowdon Park, located off Gelert Road, in Minden. /SUE TIFFIN Staff

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Haliburton County Home Builders Association

Upcoming job fair offers opportunity for employers, employees

by **DARREN LUM**
Times Staff

Employment opportunities are coming with the Job Fair scheduled at the local high school later this month.

Students and the public are being given the opportunity for a one-stop shop to fact find and, possibly, gain employment in Haliburton County with an in-person event at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School (HHSS) where employers will be, to answer questions and potentially hire for various positions.

Held from 9 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. for students, and 10:15 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. for the public on April 20, the event is being made possible by the partnership between the high school, the Haliburton County Home Builders Association (HCHBA) and Haliburton Home Hardware's district manager, Glen Rickerby.

HHSS principal Chris Boulay said the school is pleased to be part of this collective to make this offering happen for its students, who he refers to as Red Hawks.

"Many hardworking Red Hawks are actively seeking employment and this opportunity allows them to consider a number of open positions in various sectors within the community that might interest them. HHSS sees itself as an integral player in preparing

students for the world of work and in working alongside our community partners and employers," he wrote in a message.

President of HCHBA Glenn Evans, who invites students and encourages people from the public to come, said job fairs address shortages in the skilled trades.

"There is a shortage of skilled trades across the entire country, and the need for interested people is growing everyday. Events such as this give potential candidates an opportunity to connect with potential employers," he wrote in an email. "The summer season is just around the corner, and all the indicators are pointing to it being one of the busiest ever. Having this event in April is perfect timing for a job fair. It gives employers a chance to meet and welcome their new recruits while candidates also have time to prepare for their new positions, whether it's [purchase] personal tools, safety wear, or maybe even [arrange for] transportation to and from work."

HCHBA's executive officer Aggie Tose said this event is not to be confused for a "career fair."

"A career fair is important too for the students to show them what careers are available right here in Haliburton County, [but] this event is especially geared to have people attend with a resume in hand. Home Hardware is sponsoring a draw for all who

bring resumes and enter the draw," she wrote in an email.

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— HCHBA PRESIDENT GLENN EVANS

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Having the event at the high school makes it ideal for students, Tose said.

"Hosting this event at the high school, I hope gives our students the opportunity to meet employers on their own turf where

they are usually more comfortable. Thanks to the large area and closeness to town we can open this event up to the general public very easily," she wrote.

Evans, who will also be at the Job Fair as a potential employer, as owner of Cedar Winds Design Build, asks job fair attendees to bring their curiosity and questions, including resumes and/or cover letters.

Cedar Winds will be providing information to people, but are actively looking to fulfill positions for its carpentry apprenticeships.

Evans encourages "Students that are seeking either immediate full-time employment, or even summer work, as they prepare for their post secondary journey, should come to this event ... I am very excited to welcome our students to the local workforce. Apprenticeships are the best way to learn a trade, hone your skills and get paid to do so. It's a very exciting time for all of us."

He adds: "On behalf of all the members of the Haliburton County Home Builders Association, we look forward to seeing you there. We also want to wish the very best to the students that are planning to pursue post secondary education opportunities."

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Author Waubgeshig Rice visits HHSS

by OLIVIA JOHNSON
Special to the Times

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School staff and students gained perspective with the opportunity to speak with Indigenous author and journalist Waubgeshig Rice on Monday, April 4. Christine Carr, a teacher at HHSS, organized the virtual presentation with the help of TLDSB Indigenous Education consultant Holly Groome. Schools across the board tuned in to listen to Rice tell his story and talk about his literary career.

Rice is an Anishinaabe author and journalist who currently lives in Sudbury with his wife and two children. Sudbury is also known as N'Swakamok, the traditional territory of Atikameksheng Anishnawbek. He is a member of the Bear Clan of the Anishinaabe of Wasauksing First Nation, an island community on Georgian Bay, close to Parry Sound.

Previously working as a CBC journalist for nearly 20 years, Rice is also the author of many short stories and three fictional novels, one being the bestseller *Moon of the Crusted Snow*.

The HHSS students and staff were able to learn about what it was like to grow up on a reserve, commonly referred to as "the Rez," as Rice reflected on his childhood and teen years. Growing up in the '80s, Rice explained that it was the time that their community was trying to get back to their Anishinaabe heritage after many tragedies and traumas in their community.

"There had been lots of deaths, people dying young, lots of abuses that were perpetuated through the cycles of colonialism, being displaced, and further abuses by the state upon our people. It all just had really detrimental impacts on the community and the people," he said. "It caused a lot of negative cycles."

As the adults in Wasauksing First Nation began making serious efforts to find the path to healing, ensuring that the younger generation had a positive environment, Rice had started to see many parts of Anishinaabe culture coming back. Powwows were happening again, ceremonies like sweat lodges and fasting had come back, and there were lots of learning moments from the elders.

"They were empowered again to share their knowledge. There was a very deep shame attached to Anishinaabe identity for a long time because of the Indian Act, residential schools, the '60s Scoop, and being displaced from their homelands."

Rice recognized that, back then, the stereotype about Indigenous people was that they were all tragic, or that reserves were a place of death and despair. He expressed the importance of remembering how close they are to their world ending; "that's exactly what



HHSS students were visited virtually by Waubgeshig Rice last week and were able to ask the Indigenous author and journalist questions about his life and work. /Photo submitted by Christine Carr

happened to our ancestors. It was the apocalypse, it was the end of their world."

While storytelling was a sacred and immersive experience in Indigenous culture, it was when Rice started high school off of the reserve that he realized their approach to storytelling was much different. With little-to-no diversity in the reading list at that time, it being mostly white men that the students would read, Rice assumed that literature was just for white people.

"I had never seen an Indigenous story written in a book that way," he said. "I just sort of accepted it, like, 'OK, that's the way it is. As much as I enjoy these books, that's just not a world for me, my stories, or my people.'"

Rice's perspective on the world of literature changed when his aunt began giving him books by Indigenous authors that he didn't know about as they were not part of the high school curriculum. Seeing himself represented in a book, experiences like his own, written about and expressed proudly, was what inspired him to begin writing his own stories.

These stories, written with pen and paper at his home, were stories documenting what life was like to be an Anishinaabe kid growing up on 'the Rez.' Rice's 2011 book, *Midnight Sweatlodge*, is a compilation of these stories that have been revised and made into a short story collection.

During the question period, Rice was asked about his journalism career at CBC, specifically asking if he had covered stories or topics that were upsetting or discomfiting for him as an Indigenous person. He explained that many stories were retraumatizing, especially when it was stories and issues that his family had endured.

"The missing and murdered Indigenous

women, the wider impacts of colonization, loss of language, all of those really heavy stories always severely impacted me."

Rice said he was grateful to have many outlets to heal in his life whenever those moments were too difficult, like his partner to confide in, or his own practices like smudging. Although there were much fewer Indigenous journalists within the CBC network at the time, they were all able to come together and support each other when the stories were too much to handle.

"It was hard, but our responsibility, really, was to educate people about the Canada that they weren't familiar with," he said. "The Canada that they never learned about. It was upon us, as the journalists, to sort of fill in the blanks for the older generations who haven't been taught about these topics in school."

As an Indigenous person, Rice faced obstacles not only in his journalism career, but in his career as an author as well. Although it has gotten easier as there is more of an appetite amongst Canadians for Indigenous works, the world of literature has not always been that welcoming. Rice named Indigenous authors like Richard Wagamese and Lee Maracle as trailblazers who faced many trials and tribulations trying to publish their stories.

"It's all about making money, of course, it's a capitalist industry," he said. "Historically, because Indigenous people are a relatively small part of the population, publishers wouldn't expect to make money off of Indigenous stories and just wouldn't publish them."

At the beginning of his career as an author, Rice recounted the different publishers that he took his work to that, at the time,



Waubgeshig Rice, bestselling author of *Moon of the Crusted Snow*, spoke virtually with HHSS students last week. /Photo submitted

did not have an interest in publishing them. Thankfully, he found the Indigenous publishing house, Theytus Books, who gave him the home to share his stories.

Rice expressed his gratitude for all of the Indigenous storytellers who have fought for their spaces in literature and different industries.

"It's the same in journalism, in film, in music, and so on. There have been a lot of great Indigenous creatives just fighting for their spots. That's why I'm able to do what I'm able to do now, because of people like Richard and Lee who made space for people like me."

As the talk was coming to an end, Rice wanted to stress the importance of people immersing themselves in Indigenous literature and stories. He explained that the settlers displacing Indigenous people led to the country, as a whole, neglecting its history and its truth all together.

"There are so many beautiful stories, so many wonderful experiences, and so many enriching lessons in Indigenous communities that have existed here for thousands of years. These are things that are enshrined within the land. When you learn these stories, cultures, and experiences, you learn more about the land around you."

Waubgeshig Rice's bestselling novel *Moon of the Crusted Snow* is available to check out at the Haliburton County Public Library. To learn more about Rice and his story, head to his website at waub.ca.

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Afternoon tunes

Top left, Simply Befuddled entertained residents at Hyland Crest with live music on April 7.
Left, Kevin Malloney and Linda Kellett tap toes while listening to Simply Befuddled play an afternoon concert.
Above right, Bea Berry, with daughter-in-law Bonnie, enjoyed live music together during the concert.
Above, the group members of Simply Befuddled shared numerous laughs with residents at Hyland Crest in between songs. /SUE TIFFIN Staff



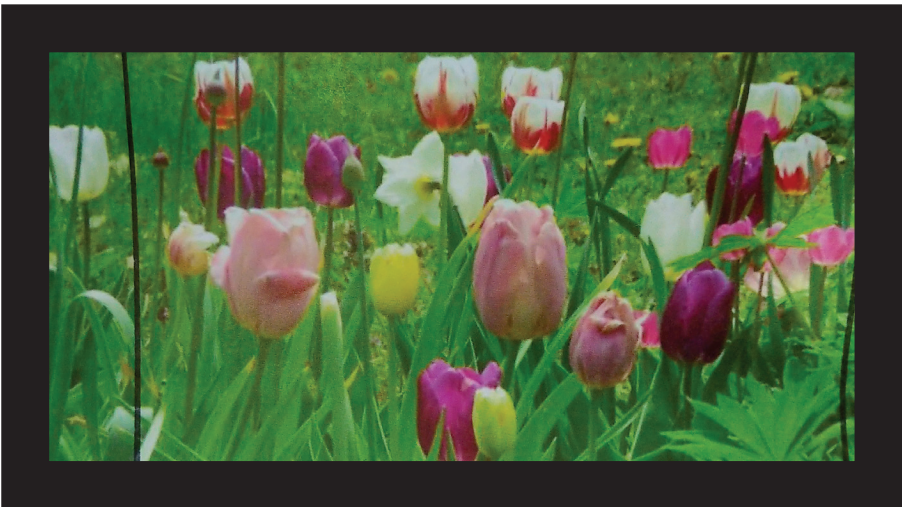
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Ginger Kulas spoke to the Minden and District Horticultural Society at the Minden Community Centre on April 5. Kulas, who is married to Ukrainian-Canadian Bill Kulas, spoke on Ukrainian culture including Ukrainian Easter eggs. /Photo submitted

Pysanky for Easter

by SUE TIFFIN
Editor

Ginger Kulas spoke to the Minden and District Horticultural Society on the art of decorating Easter eggs, a Ukrainian tradition she learned about when she married Bill Kulas 44 years ago and has shared with the community for about 30 years now.

Kulas taught herself how to create pysanky, or decorated Easter eggs, step-by-step from a pamphlet with supplies she purchased from a shop on Queen Street in Toronto many years ago.

"That was before YouTube," she laughed.

At Easter time, Ukrainian custom is to take a basket to church filled with pysanky, kielbasa, cheese, pasta, and bread, have it blessed, then sit on the lawn and share the meal, said Kulas. Light coloured pysanky are given to the young or a sweetheart, while the dark coloured pysanky are given to the elderly, or head of a family, to show respect. The eggs are decorated with symbolic ornamentation using a wax-resist method involving beeswax, dye and a tool called a kistka.

"When most people look at it, they think, oh, that's a pretty egg. But when a Ukrainian looks at it, it tells a story," said Kulas.



Ukrainian Easter eggs, or pysanky, are decorated using dye and beeswax with a tool called a kistka. Each of the colours and shapes on the egg have a deeply symbolic meaning. /Photo submitted



2022 Municipal Election

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The information session "So You Want to Run for Council?" will be led by Fred Dean, a municipal coach and former municipal solicitor who has been training members and heads of Council since 2002. The session will provide an overview of the roles and responsibilities of municipal council members and explain how public office will impact your life.

Registration: There is no registration required for in person attendance. To register virtually please visit <https://www.dysartetal.ca/election/>

Nominations to run for Council commences on May 2, 2022. Nomination Day is Friday, August 19, 2022 (9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.) Municipal Election Day will be held October 24, 2022.

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Minden Skating Club celebration

Top, Canskate skaters, ended the evening on April 8 with colour while skating to Rainbow Connection at the Minden Skating Club Gala. Below, little Mallory Rowden delighted the crowd by occasionally skating diagonally to the ice, alongside the Canskate group that grouped together for One-Eyed, One-Horned, Flying Purple People Eater.



Senior and star skaters performed together with a finale skated to Colours of the Wind.



Star group Evelyn Vanderstaare, Annika Gervais, Allie Grant, Kamryn Holden and Alexis Feero skated to Blue Suede Shoes.



Freyja Neimann-Rowe and Sarah Teljeur joined together to skate to In the Navy.



Red Hawks doubles male player Ben Robinson stretches for a return during a match at the Kawartha championship pre-qualifier hosted on April 5 at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. Robinson and partner Hunter Winder finished first at the tournament. All competitors qualified for the next round.



Red Hawks doubles male player Hunter Winder serves during a match at the Kawartha championship pre-qualifier hosted on April 5 at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. Winder and partner Ben Robinson finished first at the tournament. All competitors qualified for the next round. /DARREN LUM Staff



Go Hawks Go

Red Hawks senior soccer players work through a ball handling drill early morning training session on April 6 at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School in Haliburton. The Hawks will host LCVI on Monday, May 2 to kick off the season. Games start 3 p.m. when juniors and seniors play, but will start 3:30 p.m. if one game is held. /DARREN LUM Staff

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by **ALEX GALLACHER**
Special to the Times

GET TO KNOW THE HUSKIES: WILL GOURGOUVELIS

The Haliburton County Huskies have had a great defence core comprised of the savvy vets Isaac Sooklal and Nate Porter, the offensive expert Simon Rose and the hometown boy Ryan Hall.

However, the youth movement on the Huskies defence has been led by Jack Staniland, Jonah Cochrane and Will Gourgouvelis. The three 2003-born players have been producing great numbers this season, but the leading among the pack has been Gourgouvelis with three goals and 15 points. For Gourgouvelis, playing in the OJHL has been a dream come true as pro hockey has always been a career aspiration for the Whitby native.

Getting his start playing for the Whitby Wildcats AAA program, he ventured over to the Ajax Raiders for his U18 career before landing with the Fury for the COVID-shortened season.

Impressing GM/Head Coach Ryan Ramsay, Gourgouvelis was immediately offered a spot on the brand new Huskies team upon the completion of tryouts.

“Ever since I was young my parents put me in skates,” Gourgouvelis said. “I grew up in Whitby and played most of my minor hockey there, last year I was approached by Ryan Ramsay who wanted me to join the team back when they were in Whitby. I played eight exhibition games during the COVID year and when the team was going to be moved I was really excited, and it’s been amazing so far.”

Since the team moved, it has enjoyed a bevy of fan support unlike most other teams in the league. During the post games in the back half of the season, young fans have been swarming the dressing room to get pucks, broken sticks and other various autographs. For Gourgouvelis, this hasn’t been something he is used to in his past but to have the NHL treatment in his first season of Junior A is very special.

“The fans here have been amazing,” Gourgouvelis added. “It always adds to your game knowing you’ll be playing in front of a big group of people. The experience is amazing and I can’t wait to get back on the ice.”

Being a defenseman is unique to being on a forward line, as defenders only have one partner as opposed to two. There have been some iconic defence pairings in the NHL over



Haliburton County Huskies Will Gourgouvelis is leading point-getter among a trio of 2003-born defencemen on the team. The player from Whitby has aspirations to play professional hockey and sees the OJHL as a stepping stone for his dream.
/DARREN LUM Staff

the years, take for example Nicklas Lidstrom and Brian Rafalski of the Detroit Red Wings, however Gourgouvelis has had a few different partners of the season but seems to have settled in with Staniland.

Chemistry is important for a good defence to work and Gourgouvelis has loved the vibe in the dressing room and on ice.

“It’s important to know your partner really well,” Gourgouvelis said. “It’s even more important because everyone lives up here. Everyone billets so it gave us the chance to gel and bond really closely. We hang out with the teammates a lot and it really helps the chemistry, and brings our team closer together.”

Gourgouvelis billets by himself with Jim and Cheryl Waddell. Being relatively far

from home for the first time in his career, the Waddell family have opened their doors to him to make him feel very much at home. When asked about who he wanted to give a special thanks to for the season, Gourgouvelis simply said, “I want to thank my billet family for everything they have done.”

Having two more years of eligibility left, Gourgouvelis plans to continue his quest to play hockey at the next level. He doesn’t seem to mind where that next level comes, whether it be the OHL, NCAA, Europe or even the NHL, Gourgouvelis just wants to continue to play the game he loves. Most importantly, he wants to remain with the Huskies for 2022/23 pending any post-season trades. Playing a small town has been a fun experience for the rookie, and with the small town vibe it of-

ten leads to being noticed in public. With the team being a focal point of the community, it has led to the players becoming local celebrities within the county. For Gourgouvelis, he definitely loves interacting with the fans both inside and out of the arena.

“It’s really special,” Gourgouvelis concluded. “It makes you feel like a celebrity and just shows how great the people in this town are. They are so nice and so good at making us feel really welcomed.”

As the playoffs loom ever so much closer, look for No.21 to be manning the blue line, creating plays and practicing his juggling skills off the ice.

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Huskies season on the brink

Opening series 5-2 loss to Golden Hawks, forces a must win at home

by **ALEX GALLACHER**
Special to the Times

The Haliburton County Huskies fell 5-2 to the Trenton Golden Hawks in Game One of the East Division semi-final playoff best-of-three series. Lead by a Jake Campbell hat-trick and a red hot goalie William Nguyen, the Golden Hawks pounced all over the Huskies sending them home disappointed.

The Huskies got the ball rolling early in the first period when Patrick Saini beat Nguyen to put the dogs up by one. However the Jake Campbell show began soon after. Scoring his first off of a bad angle, and his second on a Kolby Poulin penalty, the Trenton forward had himself a night.

In the second period, Huskies leading scorer Oliver Tarr managed to convert a break-

away into a goal but the bleeding was only stopped temporarily. A few minutes later, Campbell completed the hat-trick and put the Hawks up by one. Frustrated, the Huskies tried everything in the third to beat Nguyen but the efforts went in vain.

Dalton Bancroft added a goal to seal the deal, before the Hawks scored on the empty net to send the Huskies back to Minden on Wednesday in a must win scenario. With Saini and Tarr logging the markers, the momentum these two had in the regular season followed them to the playoffs.

With a best-of-three leaving no room for error, the home town Huskies will be training extra hard to avenge the loss and force an all or nothing deciding Game Three in Trenton on Thursday.



KINMOUNT CONNECTION

Hoping for a ‘near-normal’ summer

by **LYNNE KILBY**
Special to the Times

Hello spring! Things are looking up! Glorious signs of spring are sprouting up all around us, but this year’s grand entrance promises to burst forth with an extra special bonus, the return of “normal” or “near normal” life as we knew it pre-pandemic. Who’s excited for that? Joni Mitchell was certainly right in her song Big Yellow Taxi, “You don’t know what you’ve got till it’s gone.”

I am not a bingo player by any stretch of the imagination, but oh, what a feeling when I heard the news that Kinmount Legion brought back Friday Night Bingo as of March 25. Doors open at 6:45 p.m. Early bird games start at 7 p.m. Normal is on the way! A happy, warm feeling of “normal” crept over me even more with the news that the Kinmount Lions Club host an Easter Bop from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., on Easter Saturday at Kinmount Fairgrounds arena entrance. The event includes Sweet Treats, a photo-op with the Easter Bunny, old-fashioned games, draws for Easter baskets, and a BBQ. Awesome!

Kinmount Fair, Highlands Cinemas, Kinmount Farmer’s Market and the Kinmount Heritage Centre are all on track to return. Kinmount Artisans Marketplace soon switches to summer hours. Kinmount Fish and Chips, Violet’s Frozen Yogurt and The Grill re-open. The Grill will be renamed by its new owners. Kinmount Library is starting

a community garden. All growers welcome from masters to beginners. Learn as you grow. No experience necessary. Contact the library for more info.

It is hoped several more dearly missed activities resurface in Kinmount this season, like Music in the Park, Canada Day Celebrations and the re-opening of the Kinmount Model Railway and Museum at Kinmount Train Station.

If I close my eyes, I can see myself relaxing in my lawn chair at Music in the Park. I’m surrounded by gorgeous, peaceful scenery as the Burnt River tumbles along winding its way past Austin Sawmill Heritage Park. A summer breeze flows gently through the air carrying the tunes of talented musicians. I’m sucking it all in, with (of course) some scrumptious food to nibble on.

At the Canada Day Celebrations at picturesque Kinmount fairgrounds, I’m once again relaxing in my lawn chair, gazing out from under a canopy of tall pines. There’s a giant picnic going on that includes entertainment and fun activities, topped off with a smashing display of fireworks.

For the first time in more than two years, the Kinmount community volunteer management board met in person Monday, April 4, to discuss bringing back these delights. Fingers crossed!

One can only hope, so all I can say for now is stay tuned and Happy Spring!



Highlands Cinemas hopes to reopen for the first time since the beginning of the pandemic on May 6. /Photo by Joe Fortin

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Answers on page 18

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GENERATIONS

The joy-filled experience of messy play

I love messy exuberant play – my fellow educators always laugh and tease me when I pull out my science supplies for an experiment or make a new sensory bin or encourage the children to explore streams, puddles, and mud. They know that a big clean-up is going to be coming and that the children are likely going home at the end of the day stained or dirty from their play. But they also know that the children always have an amazing joy-filled experience that they will talk about and ask to do again and again for days and weeks.

My favourite form of play with children is one that has what feels like innumerable benefits for their development but also is incredibly fun. Sensory play, sometimes referred to as sensorimotor play, is a type of play in which children gather information by way of their senses; touch, smell, taste, hearing, sight, balance, and proprioception. The vast majority of infants play is sensory, as they are continually learning about the world around them and are still in the sensorimotor stage of development. However even as children age and move from one stage of development to another they still learn, grow, and benefit strongly from opportunities for sensory play. This development includes their ability to learn through exploration, as well as curiosity, problem-solving, and creativity. They are also building nerve connections in their brains and developing fine motor and language skills.

I encourage everyone to try out sensory play with their children, or to explore it as an adult. There are countless opportunities for sensory play at home and in the world around us. One of the easiest ways of creating sensory play invitations is a sensory bin. To do this get a deep tray, a dish bin, or a basin and fill it with some kind of base sensory material and then add in other objects for children to use while playing.

Some of our favourite inexpensive base sensory materials are: water, sand, flour, shredded paper, ice, and snow. Paintbrushes, measuring cups, spoons, and funnels are excellent to add into a sensory bin as they provide open-ended opportunities for your child to explore and learn about the items in front of them. Playdough is a timeless classic opportunity for sensory play and we prefer to make it ourselves with a little help from the children, as it allows us to customize colour and scent as well as providing opportunities to learn about cause-and-effect and numeracy skills.

Our older children also adore being able to make and play with oobleck (1.5 parts corn starch to 1 part water and mix) because of its unique properties as a non-Newtonian fluid. Please try out one of these sensory play ideas and the next time you're talking with a Compass educator let us know your thoughts!

Lindsay Jowett OCT
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Samantha making playdough.



Jack is covered with mud and full of smiles after messy play.



School-agers had been making playdough, when flour spilled all over the table. One noticed "It's so soft! Feel this!" and they all paused to explore the flour together and marvel at the texture.



Charlotte making playdough.



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AROUND THE COUNTY TOWN



Recognizing club's competitors

Minden Skating Club members Ava Allaire, from left, Ruthie Parker and Melanie Walter competed this year, following the two-year suspension of competition because of the pandemic. Allaire earned second place in the Star-4 single women category at the skating competition in Milton. Parker did not medal, but represented the club well at competitions in Milton and in Ottawa, and Walter capped off the year with a berth to the 2022 Skate Ontario Provincial Championships where she competed in Mississauga on March 24. / DARREN LUM Staff

Garlic time

Barry Barnhart pulls the winter mulch back to help any ice to thaw and dry and warm the Barnhart garlic beds in Carnarvon. "We had a beautiful spring shower that night which helped the soil to thaw and warm greatly," said Debbie Barnhart. "Any garlic sprouting has doubled in size since pulling straw back. Straw is close by and when frost is forecasted we can pull it lightly back over to protect the new growth. The straw will be moved back once all garlic has emerged and growing well. The mulch will preserve the moisture, keep down the weeds and keep the soil cool and avoid the plants getting sunburned/backed from the sun's intensity." /Photo submitted by Debbie Barnhart



Giving back

Minden resident Julie Hall recently donated blood for her 29th time - one visit away from 30. She attended the clinic in Peterborough and reminds readers, "Blood - it's in you to give!" /Photo by Julie Hall



Rescue of the Month

We welcome our first baby wild one of the year. A week-old Eastern Gray squirrel that we named Rain! This little girl was seen being tossed out of the tree nest as the soaking wet mother ran away carrying her sibling. The entrance of the nest looked like a waterfall, overflowing from the melting snow. An attempt was made to reunite Rain with her mom, so she was left for a while at the base of the tree. But with it being so cold and late in the day, along with the obvious injuries to her feet, we didn't want to wait too long and she was brought into our care on March 23. And so it begins ... To learn more about Woodlands Wildlife Sanctuary, visit woodlandswildlifesanctuary.ca or call 705-289-1133. We are looking for volunteers to help us one day a week to care for the hundreds of animals we admit during the year. The link to the online volunteer application form can be found here <https://woodlandswildlifesanctuary.ca/volunteer/>. /Submitted by Monika Melichar

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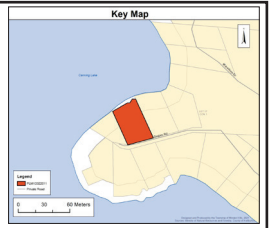
Members of the public wishing to participate and make comment/speak at the Public Hearing must pre-register by emailing dsisson@mindenhills.ca by **Friday April 22nd before 4:00 PM** or by attending and registering the morning of the meeting before 10:00 AM. Participants registering after 10:00 AM will not be permitted into the public hearing.

Once registered, participants will automatically be placed into a holding room and brought into the hearing as permitted by the Chair. Please note the live-stream link provided for each hearing will only be activated while Committee of Adjustment is in session.

The purpose of the Public Hearing will be to consider minor variance applications **PLMV2022011** and **PLMV2022027** and the proposed Minor Variances to the Township of Minden Hills Zoning By-law pursuant to Section 45 of the Planning Act. The minor variance applications for Public Hearing are listed below:

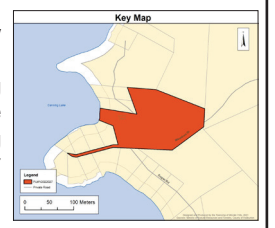
PLMV2022011 – Part Lot 17, Concession 1, Geographic Township of Minden; municipally known as 1140 Dugan Road; and located on Canning Lake (see Key Map).

Purpose and Effect of the Application: To permit an increase in the height of an existing dwelling of 0.92 metres (3 feet), where the dwelling is located within 15 metres (49.2 feet) of the high-water mark; and to permit the construction of a 23.7 square metre (254.75 square foot) rear addition and an 11.12 square metre (120 square foot) rear covered porch on an existing undersized lot.



PLMV2022027 – Part Lot 17, Concession 1, Geographic Township of Minden; municipally known as 1126 Dugan Road; and located on Canning Lake (see Key Map).

Purpose and Effect of the Application: To permit the replacement of an existing 117 square metre (1,260 square foot) dwelling with 67.8 square metres (730 square feet) of attached decks with a new 139 square metre (1,496 square foot) dwelling with 53.1 square metre (527 square feet) of attached decks, being setback 15.7 metres (51.5 feet) and 17.6 metres (58 feet) from the high water mark, respectively, together with a 2.04 metre (6.7 foot) increase in height on an existing undersized lot.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION regarding these applications are available online at www.mindenhills.ca/newsroom. Copies of the complete applications will be available for public inspection at the Township of Minden Hills Building and Planning Department by appointment only.

HAVE YOUR SAY: Input on the above noted applications is welcome and encouraged. You can provide input by speaking at the public meeting or by making a written submission to the Township. If you do not attend the public meeting, it may proceed in your absence and, except as otherwise provided in The Planning Act, you will not be entitled to any further notice in the proceedings.

WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS: To provide input in writing, or to request written notice of the decision, please contact the undersigned or e-mail adougherty@mindenhills.ca.

ANY PERSON OR AGENCY WHO IS OF THE OPINION THAT HOLDING THE HEARING AS AN ELECTRONIC HEARING IS LIKELY TO CAUSE THEM SIGNIFICANT PREJUDICE, may make a submission to the undersigned, and if the Committee is satisfied that holding the hearing as an electronic hearing is likely to cause the party significant prejudice then the hearing will be re-scheduled as an oral hearing.

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PRIVACY DISCLOSURE: As one of the purposes of the Planning Act is to provide for planning processes that are open and accessible, all written submissions, documents, correspondence, e-mails or other communications (including your name and address) form part of the public record and may be disclosed/made available by the Township as deemed appropriate, including anyone requesting such information. Please note that by submitting any of this information, you are providing the Township with your consent to use and disclose this information as part of the planning process.

For more information about this matter contact adougherty@mindenhills.ca.

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The Public Meeting to introduce the application and hear submissions regarding this Application for Plan of Subdivision/Condominium has been scheduled for Wednesday, April 27th, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. in the County of Haliburton Administration Building, 11 Newcastle Street, Minden, Ontario. Please note that this meeting will be held through remote electronic participation in accordance with the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended by Bill 187, the Municipal Emergency Act, 2020 and an Order in Council of June 12, 2020, which amended the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act and prohibits organized public events of more than ten people. The Public can register to speak at the Public Meeting via electronic participation: Should you wish to speak at the Public meeting, for a five (5) minute time allotment, please email the Director of Planning via ssstone@haliburtoncounty.ca no later than 5 business days prior to April 27th, 2022.

Description of Proposal:

Concerning County File No.: 46-T-22001 (Granite Shores – Centre Lake East), 9184384 Canada Inc. is the owner of approximately 431.5 hectares of land located east of Centre Lake in the Municipality of Highlands East, County of Haliburton (herein referred to as the "subject lands"). The subject lands are currently vacant. It is the owner's intent to develop a portion of the subject lands into a seasonal cottage and tourist commercial resort, commonly referred to as "Granite Shores". The proposed development of a Plan of Subdivision/Condominium (Vacant Land) consists of the following:

- Twenty-eight (28) freehold seasonal cottage lots;
- One (1) tourist residential wellness lot, including one two-storey resort building containing sixty (60) suites and one single storey spa/wellness centre;
- Three (3) common element private open space blocks;
- One (1) public hiking trail;
- One (1) highway commercial block; and,
- One (1) common element private condominium road.

Additional information:

Additional information regarding this Application for Plan of Subdivision/Condominium is available for public inspection at the Planning Department, County of Haliburton, by appointment during regular business hours, Monday to Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Description of the Subject Land:

Subject Land: Being Parts of Lots 27-29, Concession 12; Parts of Lots 27-29, Concession 13; and, Parts of Lots 26-30, Concession 14, Geographic Township of Cardiff
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Statement:

For more information about this matter, including information about preserving your appeal rights, contact the County of Haliburton, Box 399, Minden, ON, K0M 2K0, ssstone@haliburtoncounty.ca, <https://www.haliburtoncounty.ca/en/index.aspx>.

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Passed away peacefully on Wednesday, March 30, 2022, at her home in Haliburton surrounded by her loving family. She was 83 years old. Beloved wife of the late Gerry Dawson (2013). Loved mother of Stephen Dawson (Michelle) and Jeffrey Dawson (Virginia). Adoring grandma of Haley, Jeremy, Reid, Victoria, and Rachel, and dear sister of Thomas Troughton of Kingston. Barb will be missed by many nieces and nephews. Her caring ways, warm smile and thoughtful counsel made her a touchstone for many in Haliburton and her extended community.

Barb was raised in Toronto by her mother after her father was killed in action in Italy in 1944. A graduate of the Toronto General Hospital School of Nursing, Barb had a brief nursing career as a RN before starting her family and supporting Gerry in his accounting practice. Her independent side and willingness to serve led to many volunteer experiences. Barb sat on the Board of Directors for the Haliburton Red Cross Hospital, twice served as President of the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce, was the Secretary of the Haliburton Red Cross Hospital building committee, President of the Haliburton branch of the Canadian Red Cross Society and sat for 7 years on the Board of Trustees for St Joseph's General Hospital in Peterborough. Her passion for health care continued as Chair of the Ad Hoc Planning Committee for long term care beds in Haliburton, Chair of the PR Committee for St Joseph's General Hospital and Chair of the Fundraising Committee for the Haliburton Hospital Expansion. Within Haliburton County, Barb served on the Directional Plan Steering Committee, Planning and Development Committee, the Health Services Board, the Hospital Auxiliary, and the Board of Directors for the Guild of Fine Arts. She was recognized as Highlander of the Year in 1991.

Her natural curiosity gave her a love of travel which she truly enjoyed whether on the back roads of Haliburton or an Antarctic cruise. Her interest in current events and politics led to many spirited conversations. Over the years, many friendships were established through St. George's Anglican Church, curling, skiing, squash, traveling, the Anonymous Book Club, Roving Lunch Club, knitting club, bridge, the Easy Rider Cyclists, Friendship Force, East York Collegiate reunions, and square dancing. Always a class act, her fun-loving disposition and welcoming personality will be missed by many.

Visitation & Celebration of Life

Friends are invited to attend at **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy #118 Haliburton, Ontario 705-457-9209 on Saturday June 18, 2022, at 11 o'clock. Visitation one hour prior. Private interment to follow at St. Peter's Anglican Church Cemetery, Maple Lake. As an expression of sympathy, donations to Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation would be appreciated by the family.

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In Loving Memory of

Stephen Harold Dale

Passed away peacefully at Hyland Crest Senior Citizens Home, Minden on Sunday, April 10, 2022, in his 72nd year.

Dear father of Douglas Dale, Stephenie and her husband Travis Gregory. Loving grandfather of Alina, Jay and Emmitt Gregory. Lovingly remembered by his partner Jeanne Luddington and her family.

A Family Gathering to Celebrate Stephen's Life will take place at a later date. Cremation has taken place.

Memorial Donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation – Hyland Crest Residents Council (HHHSF-Hyland Crest Residents Council) would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.

A portrait of Stephen Harold Dale, a middle-aged man with short brown hair, wearing a light yellow polo shirt. He is looking directly at the camera with a slight smile, and his hands are clasped in front of him.

The logo for Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd. features a large, stylized orange and red maple leaf on the left. To the right of the leaf, the text "Gordon A. Monk" is written in a large, serif font, with "Funeral Home Ltd." and "Crematorium" in smaller text below it.

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New Legion ready to go

At a crowded meeting in the basement of St. Paul's Anglican Church in Minden Monday night (April 6), area service veterans made application to open their own branch of the Royal Canadian Legion.

Although 15 charter applicants are required for a new branch, by the end of the Monday night meeting, 38 had applied in person and another 11 had sent in completed forms.

Attendance was set at 104.

"We're not here to try to start a Legion, but to start a Legion," said Legion District Commander Paul Hycha at the meeting.

Hycha attended the meeting to oversee the charter application.

He read a letter from Haliburton Village Legion Branch 129 president Joan Irish, congratulating the Minden charter applicants and offering her assistance.

One of the conditions of opening a new branch, Hycha explained, is support from other local branches.

He said it would take at least two months for the Provincial Legion office to

review the Minden application. There could be a Legion branch in the village as early as the end of May, he said.

"Charter members" those who are members when the branch receives its charter - "are highly respected," Hycha said.

An election was held by charter members applicants for branch officers and executive.

Tony Samarillo was chosen as president.

Other officers include: Mike Maher, first vice president; Doug Seath second vice-president; Vivienne Seath, secretary; Ray Cox, treasurer.

Members of the executive chosen at the meeting were: Aulis Orpana, Dave MacAdam, Arnold Schroter, Frank Sargent, Frank Dunsford, Don Davidson and Muriel Bird.

At that point did it come down to a vote. Everyone came to his position by acclamation.

Before the choosing of officers and executive,

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Legion district commander Paul Hycha, standing, explains how to launch a new branch to an audience of 104 Minden area service veterans at a meeting, held April 6, in Saint Paul's Anglican Church. Those seated are: Sylvia Sisson, district secretary, left; Mabel Brannigan, zone secretary; and Mel Robertson, zone commander.

Second hotel planned for 35

Spring has hardly begun but already the 1987 building season is shaping up as a record-breaker in Minden.

Anson, Hindon and Minden council approved in

principle, at their meeting last Thursday, plans for a two storey apartment and retail complex for the Bobcaygeon Road and a 40 unit motel to be built on Highway 35 opposite the OPP station.

Peter Mathwick told council he had sold his house in Oshawa to be able to buy property beside the Schnitzel House in Minden and build a motel.

"I'm an independent," Mathwick said. "I intend to run the motel and to live here."

He explained that he wanted to build the complex in stages. First, he said, he would build a house for himself and then the first 20 motel units. And once he had saved up some capital again, he would set to work on the second 20 units, which would be added as a second floor.

"I don't like the idea of being a quarter-million dollars in debt," he explained.

Mathwick said that as soon as council approved his plan, he would apply to the Ministry of Transportation and Communications to build an entrance on to Highway 35 and begin designing his motel.

The other project

approved by council was Harry Southern's apartment and store complex. To be built on a lot adjacent to Pat Murphy's log home business on the east side of the Bobcaygeon Road, it is to

include three stores and six apartments in its two storeys.

Southern said he wants to start construction in the fall

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The Milt Endicott rink was one of a number to receive trophies at the Minden Seniors Curling Club banquet held Thursday evening. Milt, centre, along with team members Roland Sedgewick, left, and Norm Gilmore, received the Bruce Scribner trophy. For more photos and a report please turn to page 12.

Lutterworth clerk resigns

Lutterworth clerk-treasurer Wayne Hughes has resigned.

His resignation was presented at the March 31 meeting of the township council and will become effective April 30.

The clerk of the township for the past ten years, Hughes said he felt it was time for a change and said his departure was mutually agreed between himself and the council. Hughes said he intends to remain in the area.

Lutterworth Reeve Bill Valentine said the township was losing "...the best clerk in the county. I'm sad to see him go, he is irreplaceable."

At the same time that the clerk announced his resignation, the township's tax collector and bookkeeper Jean Ballard also announced her retirement, effective the end of this month. She has also been with the municipality for ten years.

Valentine said both employees were valuable assets to the township and would be missed at the office.

The council has appointed deputy-clerk Jeanne Simpson to the clerk-treasurer post. She has been with the township for the past eight years. The positions of deputy-clerk and tax collector are being advertised in this week's edition of The Times.



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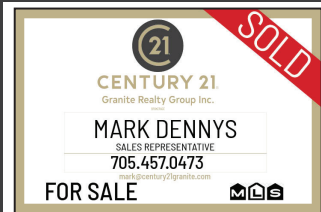
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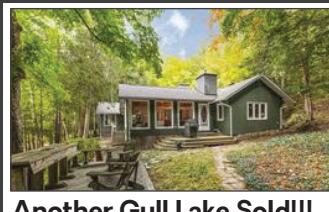
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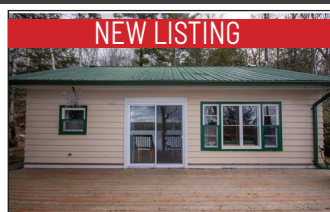
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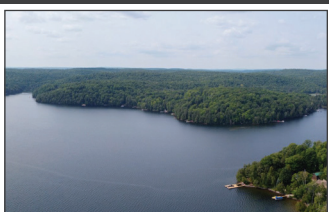
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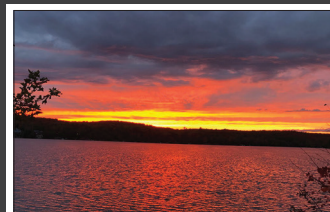
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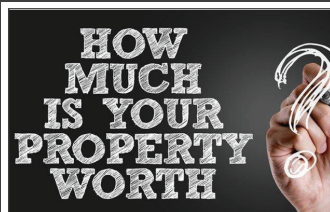
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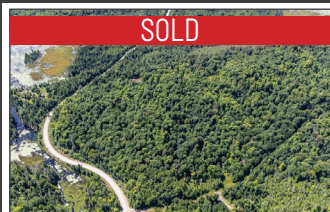
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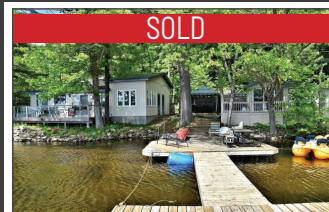
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